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New York in 1910, and at present includes a membership of forty-nine hospitals. This fourth edition describes more adequately and in greater detail the clerical work in the superintendent's office and should help minimize that task. A uniform system of records and reports in use among the leading hospitals certainly contributes to greater economy and efficiency. Charitable institutions may obtain a copy of this book free of charge by request of their proper officer upon the Treasurer of the Presbyterian Hospital, 41 East 70th Street, New York City.

**ESSENTIALS OF SURGERY.** By Archibald Leete McDonald, M.D. J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia and New York. Price, \$2.00.

Because bacteria are the cause of many surgical lesions and also cause serious complications following surgical operations, the first three chapters are devoted to the study of these micro-organisms in their connection with wounds. There is enough anatomy and physiology given, in connection with the study of special regions of the body, to make clear the surgical conditions, but the body of the book deals with the "general principles of surgical diseases and the pathological changes which result." The illustrations are few, yet pertinent to the text. No definite treatments are given, but rather the principles of treatment and general curative measures. There is a very complete glossary which adds materially to the value of the book. The list of practical demonstrations and clinical work which may be used with the study of each section is comprehensive and should prove helpful to the teacher.

**COMPEND OF SURGERY FOR STUDENTS AND PHYSICIANS.** By Benjamin Lipshutz, M.D. With 185 illustrations. P. Blakiston's Son & Co., Philadelphia. Price, \$1.50.

One of a series of manuals issued by this well known publishing house for the use of students, as a guide to a fuller knowledge gained by a wider reading. It is based on popular text books and is thoroughly up to date. The information is given in a concise, practical manner, well arranged.

**RECONSTRUCTION THERAPY.** By William Rush Denton, Jr., M.D. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London. Price, \$1.50.

Since the Great War, reconstruction therapy has attracted the interest and attention of the general public and the particular attention and study of physicians and nurses. It has been stated that Galen once said, "Employment is nature's physician." The present volume briefly indicates the duties of one directing this work and will prove useful to those interested in reclamation work.